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In re Application

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IMPLANT WITH CROSSBAR SPACER AND
METHOD

PATENT APPLICATION

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on July 16, 2004, setting a period for response expiring on August 16, 2004. The Examiner is requiring a restriction be made between the following groups of claims:

Group I: Claims 1-23 and 26-36, drawn to an implant; and

Group II: Claims 24 and 25, drawn to a method implanting a device.

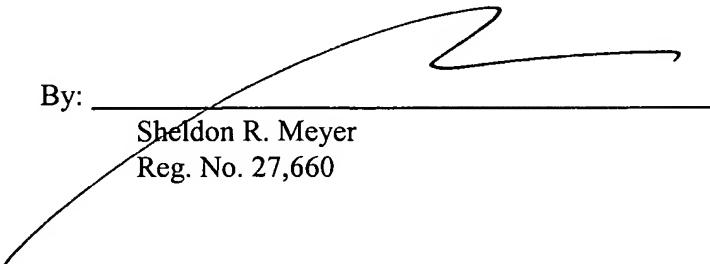
Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I (claims 1-23 and 26-36), without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to re-present claims 24 and 25 by filing a divisional application directed thereto.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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